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MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF, INSPECTION AND SECURITY

FROM : Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates

SUBJECT: Near East Regional Conference

1. The Department of State is holding a Near East Regional Conference at Cairo, Egypt, from 7-11 March 1950. The conference is designed to carry on, at the working level, the discussions developed at the recent Near Eastern Chiefs of Mission Conference at Istanbul, Turkey. Representatives of all the Missions in the Greek, Turkey, Iran Area and the Near East Area will attend, plus several representatives from these offices in the Department of State. Mr. [ ] Chief, Near East/Africa Division, ONE, has been invited to attend as CIA observer.

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2. At the conclusion of the conference [ ] intends to visit the following places:

Amman - Jordan  
Jerusalem - Arab Palestine  
Damascus - Syria  
Beirut - Lebanon  
Baghdad - Iraq  
Tel Aviv - Israel  
Nicosia - Cyprus  
Tehran - Iran  
Ankara - Turkey  
Istanbul - Turkey  
Athens - Greece

The actual itinerary will be prepared in Cairo and will depend on local conditions.

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3. It is expected that [ ] will complete this trip in approximately two months, returning to Washington in early May.

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